

## SCANDAL RIFE AMONG OSAGES

STATEMENT OF ABLE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR.

Major McLaughlin Says the Present Osage Council is Most Corrupt Body of Men He Ever Came in Contact With.

Pawhuska, Okla., May 21.—Some four weeks ago Major McLaughlin, one of the ablest men that works for the department of the interior, came to Pawhuska. His coming was about the same time that another inspector for the department came to inspect the sale of the Pawhuska town lots. It was supposed that Major McLaughlin came to assist in the inspection, but developments yesterday demonstrated the fact that he had far different work to perform than investigating the town lot sale. This belief on the part of the Osage people that he was here for this work threw them off their guard and he had no one to bother with and it seems made mightily good time while he had a clear field. Yesterday he was so far through with his work as to make the startling announcement that the present Osage council, which is composed, in the majority, of Progressive Party men, to be the most corrupt body of men he ever came in contact with. It is alleged that men who have been held in the highest esteem by both the Indian and the white men are implicated in this investigation. The alleged facts, as they were earned by your correspondent from Mr. McLaughlin himself and from his interpreters who were free to talk without any restrictions, are as follows:

While the Osages were under the charge of Captain Frantz as agent, Mr. Glenn, one of the original members of the Foster Lease Co., which lease always was and is yet thought to have been fraudulently obtained, came to Pawhuska and had Captain Frantz call the Osage council together for the purpose of submitting them a proposition for a lease on the remaining portion of their land that the Foster lease did not carry. He wanted this lease for a term of ten years and offered as a consideration a royalty that looked good. However, before any action could be reached by this council an alarm of fire was raised and the meeting broke up without ceremony. When the council was next called together another proposition was made for a lease on this same land by a company composed of New York men, among whom was a Jew who was here to look after the proposition that he was submitting. The last proposition submitted was on the face the best one of the two, inasmuch as it carried a greater royalty for the tribe than did the Glenn proposition. However, after due consideration, the last proposition was turned down and the Glenn lease accepted and passed by the council. The reason given for accepting the Glenn lease over the other was that the last lease submitted was "predominated over by a Jew" and they did not "like that class of people." Fitly as was that excuse it stuck and nothing was thought further about it at that time. The Jew in question was very sore at the treatment, and especially was he sore at the slam taken at his nationality and went so far as to remark that the matter was not through with yet and that he would be heard from further on in regard to the act of the council turning him down and accepting the other proposition that he knew was not as good as his. But the people here did not care anything about him or his proposition and did not pay any attention to him or his troubles.

After this act on the part of the council the governor at the suggestion of the agent, appointed a delegation of several prominent men to accompany him to Washington to see about some much needed legislation. At the time he picked his delegation it was remarked, and in fact, was noticeable to all interested in Osage affairs, that they did not on a good many points represent belief in the interests that the majority believed in, but there was not much kick on the part of the Osages over the delegation. For the Osages had hoped that when it came to the final show down they would all be working in the interests of the tribe as a whole. However, after this delegation got to Washington and had submitted to congress a bill asking for allotment and granting in the same an extension of fifteen years to the Foster Illuminating Co., and making a lease to the Glenn people for the same length of time, the people here rose en masse and held an indignation meeting. Everyone was free with the opinion that it was merely an oil lease under the disguise of an allotment bill. At this indignation meeting three delegates were elected to go

to Washington to fight the bill. When the delegation got to Washington they had no trouble in getting a hearing with the secretary, who promised to look further before he would allow congress to take any action in the matter. It did not require but a little investigation to warrant him knocking the whole thing out for the time being. To him it smacked of corruption right from the first step he took to investigate.

It now appears from the investigation being held here that members of this delegation and men who have for years been trusted with all the grave responsibilities of the tribe were not working for the tribe, but were working for the oil people. They carried the oil people's money and bought the legislation. They gave several high chiefs of the tribe \$500 for their influence; they gave other members of the council money to pass this bill. One member of the council said he got \$235, and four other members of the council have admitted that they were paid money. The man who acted as go-between for the members of the council and oil companies, and who was a member of the delegation, is one of the most highly respected men the reservation has ever had. He is a man so highly esteemed that it is hard for the people who know him to believe that he would stoop to such a position and a large number of them will not be free to accept the evidence of his guilt as conclusive until he is prosecuted for bribery. Maybe none of them will ever be prosecuted for the crime they have committed. Some of our legal talent say there is no law to govern this particular case, but he that as it may, the exposure of these men at this time is one of the greatest things that has happened for the good of the Osages for years. The moral lesson it will be to the men who will have charge of the winding up of the Osage affairs which is fast drawing nigh will be of untold value. The injury that these people were not only doing to the reservation, but to the people of Oklahoma as a whole, in the fastening of this oil lease over the land which the Osages will in time be allowed to sell; being considered as surplus land, is unknown.

Mr. McLaughlin will close his investigation tonight and leave on a couple of days' business trip to Muskogee, after which he will return to Pawhuska and complete his investigation by trying to find out who furnished the Glenn money to the man who acted as go-between for the council and the oil companies. It is generally believed, in fact the people are confident that they know all the guilty parties, but owing to the prominence of these men are not free in expressing themselves, but all are highly sore and free to condemn the men that the investigation has shown to be of such little honor.

### Sciatica Cured After Twenty Years of Torture.

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### QUARANTINE LINE CHANGED.

Cattle May Now be Moved from Red River to Lawton.

Lawton, Okla., May 21.—Charles T. Gorton, Territorial Cattle Inspector, with headquarters in this city, is in receipt of a communication from Secretary Morris of the Territorial Live Stock Sanitary Board stating that the Territorial quarantine line at the base line south of Lawton had been raised. This action was taken several days ago, but has never appeared in print before for the reason that Gov. Frantz is not in Guthrie to sign the document. Mr. Gorton is notifying all those desiring to move cattle from Red River to Lawton and the pastures near Elgin that they may do same without a violation of the law.

The upper Territorial quarantine line is now located at the northern boundary of Comanche county, while the government quarantine line is located at the Rock Island railroad tracks, running west out of Anadarko. All cattle to be moved from the south across the line into Kiowa and Caddo counties must first be inspected.

### Taken Up.

By J. M. Armstrong, of Springer, one bay mare with heart branded on left shoulder, one grey horse, branded half circle R on left hip. Owner can have same by calling on him. 16-4

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### Bomb Throwing Continues.

Elisse, Russian-Poland, May 21.—Count Keller, a colonel of dragoons, was severely wounded by the explosion of a bomb, thrown at officers while returning from review today. A horse was killed and an orderly injured. The would-be assassin, a young man, escaped. Keller was prominent in suppressing disturbances in this vicinity.

### Wedding Superstitions.

Married in January's hoar and rime, good things will come if you wait your time.

Married in February's sleety weather, life you'll tread in tune together.

Married when March winds shrill and roar, your home will lie on a foreign shore.

Married 'neath April's changeable skies, a checkered path before you lies.

Married when bees o'er May blossoms flit, strangers around your board will sit.

Married in month of roses—June—life will be one long honeymoon.

Married in July with flowers ablaze, bitter-sweet memories in after days.

Married in August's heat and drowse, lover and friend in your chosen spouse.

Married in golden September's glow, smooth and serene your life will go.

Married when leaves in October thin, toil and hardship for you begin.

Married in veils of November mist, fortune your wedding ring has kissed.

Married in days of December cheer, love's star shines brighter from year to year.

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